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## Letter from John Muir to David Gilrye Muir, 1866 Jun 9

John Muir

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Dear Larry I have just  
 read of your Dutch difficulties  
 and am as pleased at the  
 thought of seeing you as soon  
 as you are perturbed by the  
 prospect of leaving Buff.  
 As for employment - here  
 you may come along and begin  
 work in our shop in five minutes  
 after you step from the cars at  
 10 or 12 per week and you may  
 remain here winter & summer  
 until you are gray.  
 In a month or two you will  
 likely be able to get \$15 a week.  
 I have been working by the piece  
 at plough handles, but have  
 now got a steady job of running  
 the principal circular saw in the  
 shop at \$18 per week.

if you arrive from the night train stop over night at the California  
 Hotel it is but a few steps from the depot - if you come  
 the next day from the depot and ask for John Mann  
 our factor is  
 about two  
 minutes walk  
 from the depot  
 directed and on  
 off your  
 brother John

afternoon June 9<sup>th</sup> 1866

to go there or if when you do go you find that matters  
 are not very favorable come here at once  
 Osgood & Smith called me  
 aside one day and told me  
 that they wished me to stay  
 with them and gave me the  
 privilege of changing the machinery  
 whenever I could improve it -  
 And I am sure that they will  
 be pleased to get another steady  
 Scotchman I would have no  
 difficulty in finding a job for  
 half a dozen like you  
 I send you tonight \$25 I would  
 send more but I have lent a sick  
 man \$50 and another \$10 a few days  
 ago but I can send you ten  
 dollars a week as long as you  
 like if you need it -

The Man who used to be foreman in our  
 shop is now partner in a hub & spoke factory  
 in Cleveland Ohio. Now Cleveland is a health-  
 ier and prettier town than this and you might  
 if you like call there and tell Mr Rothrock  
 that I advised you to call there and seek

a job because that I was afraid you might have been  
 and agree in Indianapolis that if you do not feel inclined